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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report – December 2014
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached one copy of the Progress Report No. 98 for the period of December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 98
December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Collection of water level measurements from on-Site monitoring wells and staff gauges on December 11, 2014.

2. Data Received

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- None.

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- On December 29 and 30, 2014, CRA staff excavated an approximate 24-inch wide by 18-inch deep trench in the southern parking lot area of Commercial Area 4. The trench was excavated to install an electrical line between two existing light poles on the property. Excavated material was utilized as backfill material once the electrical line was installed. The overlying asphalt, wooden bumper posts, and a tree that were within the area to be excavated were placed on and covered with polyethylene sheeting until a roll-off dumpster could be delivered.